

LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

Oct. 26, 2008

LUMC's own Fall Fundraiser to benefit the Mission of our Church – please be a part of this fun event --- enjoy and do some holiday shopping at home!

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & TIMELESS TRADITIONAL TEA NOVEMBER 15, 2008 -10 – 6pm

Tea Seatings at Noon, 2 pm, 4pm
For Reservations call Ginny –284-7857
\$20 ea. or 2 for \$35

For a big bargain arrange your own Table of 8 - \$130

HANDCRAFTED ITEMS

Jewelry, place mats, tote bags, go green bags, aprons, pot holders, knitted items - hats, scarves, baby blankets, baby outfit, and more! Tree Ornaments, candles, cards, paper back book covers, gift bags, sachets, eye/neck bags, jams and jellies, bean soup jars, water bottle holders etc.

VENDOR SALES

Dottie Vieira Doll Clothes, Discovery Toys, Longaberger Baskets, Viva la Table Pampered Chef and more!

SILENT AUCTION

Wendell's Beautiful Bird Mansions, Hand-made Quilt, Massage by Madeleine, Baskets

GRANDMA'S ATTIC

treasures! vintage fabric

TEA CAFÉ

\$5 for tea and goodies

Open seating – 10:30 am – 3 pm

Are you going to be out of town or unable to participate in any of the above ways, but still want to be a part? Would you like to sponsor a tea table? You can donate \$50 and a table will be designated in your name, or someone you want to honor!

AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED! BRING YOUR FAMILY and FRIENDS!

Calling All Saints!!



**It's Autumn! Time to spruce up our church campus for
the coming of a new holiday season!!**



Come join us for **Fall Church Clean Up Day** on
ALL SAINTS DAY
Saturday, November 1st
9:00 am to 12:00 noon



Bring your buckets, cleaners, gloves, and elbow grease
Help clean out the Halloween cobwebs
And enjoy saintly goodies, coffee, hot apple cider,
and warm fellowship!!

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Saturday, November 8, 8:00-9:30 a.m.



Our own Joe Darrell will share slides and stories about his Volunteer in Mission trip to Costa Rica in January/February. Joe has also done some work with CA-NV VIM in Fernley, Nevada. He recently attended the Disaster Response Training held by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

Stitch-in-Time



The October 30th meeting is at 1 pm in the Fireside Room. We will be making eye bags and neck bags that can go in the freezer to relieve pain or go in the microwave to provide warmth. We need donations of uncooked rice or buck wheat for these bags. Please get your donations to Ginny Horner (925-284-9585) before October 30th. Thank you. The final meeting of Stitch-in-Time is Saturday, November 8th at 10 am in the Fireside Room. If you have not turned in your completed items, please bring them to the November 8th meeting. This meeting will be a preview of the hand crafted items. We will be pricing the items and getting them ready for the boutique the following week. Everyone is welcome.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The next meeting of the United Methodist Women will be Thursday, November 6. We will gather at 11:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Following a brief meeting, Pat Hershey will lead the program on Thanksgiving. Bring your own sandwich. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. See you there! Nancy Flood





Have you renewed your ESCRIP???? It expires in November, so if not, please consider doing it today! It is like "free" income for LUMC! The easiest way is to go online www.escrip.com and just click on RENEW! The next easiest is to call me, 284-7857 and ask me to please do it for you! You can also call 1-800-592-0942. Thanks, Ginny Leavitt

ITEMS FOR THE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Thank you to you who have been making items on your own for the Holiday Boutique. Your efforts are most appreciated! If you have finished items, or will be finishing ahead of time, you are welcome to turn that in to me for storage. Ginny Leavitt – 284-7857

TO ALL OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

You are cordially invited to join us in presenting our *Timeless Traditional Tea* on **November 15, 2008.**

Opportunities to share in the experience are:

Food Donations

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>
Tea Cookies	_____	_____
Tea Sandwiches	_____	_____
Tarts	_____	_____
Lemon Curd	_____	_____
Scones	_____	_____
Nut and/or Fruit Bread	_____	_____

Decorations

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>
Fireside Room Set-up-Design	_____	_____

Kitchen Help

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>
Dishwashing	_____	_____
Serving	_____	_____
General Assistance	_____	_____

Live Background Music

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>
Piano	_____	_____
Flute	_____	_____
Violin	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____

Please return to the church office.

For further information please contact Sande Hubbs at 283-3559.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, November 16 7:00 p.m. Annual Church Conference conducted by Rev. Renae Extrum-Fernandez, Bayview District Superintendent

Friday-Sunday, December 12-14 BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE!!!!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 27, 7:30 p.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette

Sponsored by the Lamorinda Interfaith Ministry Association



Area congregations will gather to give thanks as a community. A joint choir will be rehearsing at 6:30 if you would like to join. The service will be followed by a Pie Social! We are invited to bring a pie or cultural dessert to share. An offering will benefit Winter Nights.

Thank you for your many cards, letters and calls while I was ill. They were greatly needed. Your prayers were most effective and I am recovering, Praise God in whose hands I am. Vic Smith.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

The Endowment Committee currently has money available for grants for this year: \$359 for church programs or special purchases and \$414 for outside church contributions or missions. Applications are available in the Church office.

We still have two cemetery plots and two niches for ashes at the Oakmont Cemetery that were donated to the church. If anyone is interested in purchasing the plots or niches call Doug Cowden 925-284-7026

Thanks for all your gifts for victims of Hurricane Ike in Orange, TX. Our Goddaughter's husband, Mike, is Pastor of First Presbyterian Church there. Thanks again, Vic and Fran Smith

MORE NEW BOOKS
LOOK FOR THESE ON THE LIBRARY CART -TOP SHELF!!

Peanuts: Here's to You, America! By Charles M. Schulz

Travel back in time with Peanuts! It's 1787, and Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and friends are in colonial Pennsylvania for the founding of the United States. Along with George Washington and John Hancock, they witness the birth of the Constitution and the creation of the government that makes our country unique. As they see history in the making, the Peanuts gang discovers lots of reasons why they're proud to be Americans

**Whose Holy City? Jerusalem and the Future of peace in the
Middle East by Colin Chapman**

Three religions have fought over Jerusalem for centuries. Jews honor Jerusalem because its Temple housed the presence of God. Christians come to Jerusalem to worship where Jesus Christ was crucified and raised from the dead. Muslims value the city because of its role in 1,400 years of Islamic history.

All three religions feel a strong spiritual attachment to the city and desire unrestricted access to it. Who, though, should have sovereignty? Who should have political control? And who should claim ownership of the Old City, where the most sacred of sites are located?

In *Whose Holy City?* Colin Chapman assesses the centrality of Jerusalem in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, traces the city's history from Old Testament times to the contemporary scene, and shows how the issues of the past are relevant today. Jerusalem is regarded by many as a key, if not the key, to peace in the Middle East. If Jerusalem could be addressed and resolved in a way that is acceptable to the majority on all sides, it might point the way to a resolution of the whole conflict.

The Hope of the Nation That Prays, How to Pray for America, by Don Nori

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord (Psalm 33:12) America is worth saving. God's purpose for America is far from complete. Prayer is not merely the last recourse of the weak, as some suggest. Prayer is the foundation of the wise, and at the heart of all that is noble and everlasting. When people open their hearts to God, He moves on their behalf in ways that are quite extraordinary, as history shows. History is being written right now. You can help write it. You are not helpless during times of crisis, either national or personal. In this book you will find hope and courage to pray to a God who loves you and wants to answer your prayers.

"I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day." Abraham Lincoln

**What if America Were A Christian Nation Again?
By D. James Kennedy and Jerry Newcombe**

"Dr. Kennedy reminds us of our indisputable beginnings as a Christian nation and how we can unapologetically reclaim our heritage. Read and remember who we are as a nation and who we can and must be again." Janet Parshall, Talk Show Host

Some people would gnash their teeth at the idea that America was -----and can be again ----a Christian nation. They will not be satisfied until they have removed every vestige of our Christian heritage from our minds and from our surroundings. Yet in this book, D. James Kennedy and Jerry Newcombe document the incontrovertible fact that America began as a Christian nation. And "we can get back on track before it's too late," they say. "What made us great in the first place is our rich Christian heritage. It's time to reclaim America!"

BAY AREA CRISIS NURSERY

Wrapping Thing Up At The Bay Area Crisis Nursery

A delightful holiday volunteer opportunity – Gift wrappers are needed to wrap presents for the children from 12/7 through 12/22. Four sessions daily – 9-11 a.m., 12 noon-2 p.m., 3-5 p.m., 6-9 p.m. Call or email the crisis nursery to sign up 925-685-6633 or events@bacn.info. Maximum of 12 people per session; maximum two sessions per group. Children even young ones welcome with adult supervision – 1 adult for every four children. We provide the gifts, wrapping supplies and refreshments. If you can provide wrapping paper, gift bags, boxes, tissue, ribbons, bows and tape we would be most appreciative! Please contact us if you would like to donate new toys and clothes for gifts.

3rd Annual
INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE
Lafayette Christian Church
584 Glenside Drive
Sunday, November 9th
12:30-3:00 p.m.
Lunch available at the International Buffet*
(*Proceeds benefit Contra Costa Food Bank)
FAIR TRADE GOODS
from
A Greater Gift
Bead for Life
Bridge for Africa
One World Projects
Heifer Project
Fair Trade Coffee

CROP WALK

Chris and Dean Coons participated in the Church World Service/CROP Walk in Walnut Creek on Oct. 5. This is an interdenominational event, with one-fourth of the proceeds designated for the Winter Nights program. We thank the LUMC members who sponsored Chris and Dean. With the help of other friends, our contribution totaled \$436. The nearly 100 walkers raised almost \$12,000 for aid to the hungry and homeless.

Endowment Committee Report

Walter and Virginia Hoadley have generously given the Lafayette United Methodist Church \$97,101.88 in a Charitable Remainder Trust. They were active long time members and were always generous supporters of our church. An article in the San Francisco Chronicle on Thursday, March 13, 2003 after Walter's death gives us an insight to the Hoadley's life.

Mr. Hoadley was chief economist and executive vice president of the Bank of America in San Francisco and served on numerous boards. In addition, he was a senior economist at Federal Reserve banks in Chicago and Philadelphia and was a regent of the University of California.

A frequent public speaker, he was president of the Commonwealth Club of California in 1987 and was a regular commentator for Fox television in San Francisco.

He was born in San Francisco and received his bachelor's degree, master's degree and a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley and remained an active alumnus of the Class of '38. May 18, 2001 was declared Walter Hoadley Day in San Francisco.

"We met in our first class at Berkeley," said Virginia Hoadley, his wife of nearly 64 years. "It was in chemistry class. It was pretty much love at first sight. I saw a fine and sincere person."

The two dated for five years before marrying. Their daughter, Jean Hoadley Peterson died Sept. 11 2001 when United Airlines Flight 93, hijacked by terrorists, crashed near Johnstown, Pa.

Virginia Hoadley said the two traveled extensively and attended prayer breakfasts with Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan. She said she accompanied her husband to Japan at least 17 times. "It's been a wonderful life together," she said.

Anyone who would like to send a note of appreciation to Walter and Virginia's son Richard A. Hoadley and granddaughter Natalie Hoadley Truman who are the co-trustees may leave the note at the church office and the note will be forwarded.

Douglas Cowden, Chairman of the Endowment Committee

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